

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
William F. Howard, et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3672
Serial No.: 10/506,695	§	
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Confirmation No.: 4873	§	Examiner: Thomas S. Bomar
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Filed: September 3, 2004	§	
	§	Customer No. 36735
For: METHOD AND	§	
APPARATUS FOR	§	
INJECTING STEAM INTO	§	
A GEOLOGICAL	§	
FORMATION	§	

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 16, 2007**

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2007, having a shortened statutory period for response extended one month set to expire on May 16, 2007, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0196,P1/WBP for \$200.00 for one additional independent claim, along with any other fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.